



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Partners for Fish and Wildlife

Opportunities for Private Landowners

Working Together in New Jersey

The United States of America has lost more than half of its wetlands - almost 117,000,000 acres. New Jersey has also lost more than half its wetlands, some 584,000 acres. *Partners for Fish and Wildlife*, a national program implemented by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (Service) to protect, enhance and restore important fish and wildlife habitats on private lands through partnerships, offers a chance to regain some of America's most important natural resources. This voluntary cost-share program builds on the strength and interest of committed individuals and organizations to accomplish shared conservation goals.

Traditionally, *Partners for Fish and Wildlife* focused on wetland restoration. More recently, the program expanded to include aquatic, upland, and riparian (natural stream and river bank) restorations. Since the program's New Jersey debut in 1991, the New Jersey Field Office and our many partners worked to restore 3,856 acres of wetlands, 339 acres of uplands, and 11.3 miles of riparian areas during the last ten years.

Objectives

The objectives of the *Partners for Fish and Wildlife* program are to:

(1) implement and promote habitat restoration and enhancement, and establish projects that benefit federal trust species and their habitats;

(2) provide leadership and promote partnerships using the Service's and other organizations' expertise; and (3) conduct public outreach to broaden public understanding of fish and wildlife habitats while encouraging and demonstrating

Areas in Need of Restoration

Areas with the highest restoration potential in New Jersey include: disturbed coastal and bay salt marshes, grazed and urban riparian areas, farmed or drained wetlands, drained vernal (recurring, temporary) ponds, former cranberry bogs, wetlands in the Hackensack Meadowlands, abandoned

mining sites, shrub/dune communities, grasslands, and fragmented forests. However, any private, county, municipal, or tribal lands meeting the program's goals and guidelines are eligible.

How to Become a Partner

If you are interested in this meaningful partnership program, please contact the Service's New Jersey Field Office. The *Partners for Fish and Wildlife* national web site at: <http://partners.fws.gov>. Proposed projects are evaluated for their restoration potential and the program's goals and guidelines. For qualifying projects, the Service will provide plans and recommendations, assistance with implementation, and funds for restoration work. Landowners must sign an agreement to maintain a restored site for at least 10 years (commitments of greater than 20 years are preferred).

Because of federal funding limitations, cost-sharing is an integral part of the program. In-kind services (e.g., labor, machinery, materials) and funds from partners are essential to the *Partners for Fish and Wildlife* program. The map (reverse) shows the location of project sites in New Jersey, highlighting examples of the program's successful wetland, upland, and riparian restorations.



Project Sites In New Jersey



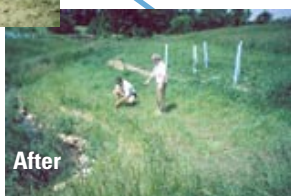
Turkey Hill Brook



Beatty Farm



Buttermilk Falls



Valley Crest Farm



Udder Farm



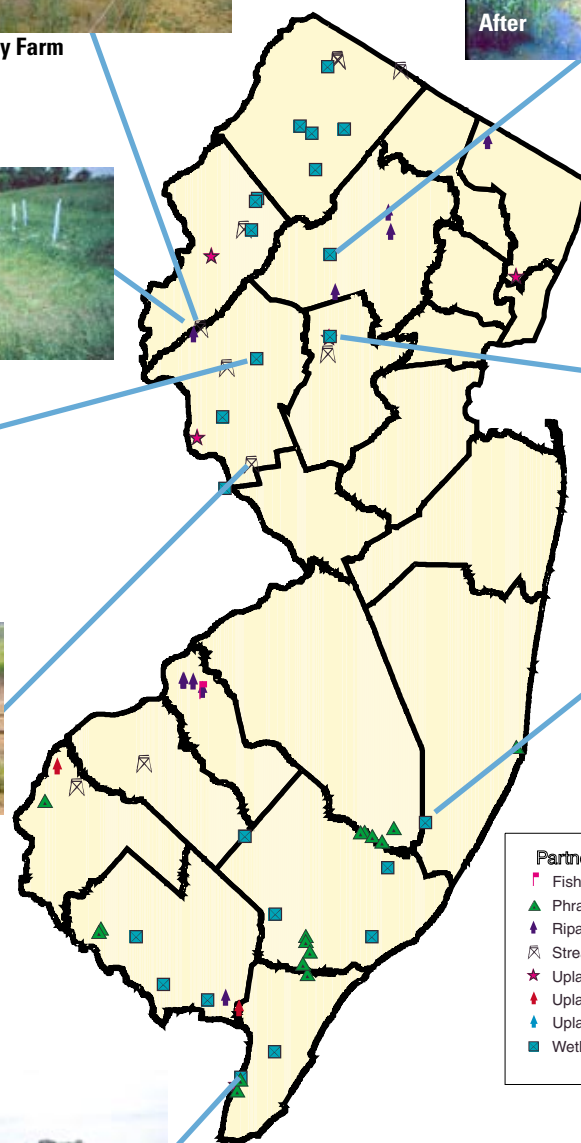
River Road



Giffords Mill



Green Creek



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- Fish Ladder
- ▲ Phragmites Control
- ◆ Riparian Restoration
- ⊠ Streambank Fencing
- ★ Upland Grassland
- ◆ Upland Reforestation
- ▲ Upland and Wetland Restoration
- Wetland Restoration



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